

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

At page 1, please replace paragraph number [0001], immediately below the subtitle RELATED APPLICATIONS with the following amended paragraph.

[0001] This application is a continuation-in-part application claiming priority from co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/211,903, entitled "Integrated Electronic Signatures for Approval of Process Control System Software Objects," which was filed on August 2, 2002 and ~~the entire disclosure of which is hereby expressly incorporated by reference herein. co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/352,396 entitled "Process Control System with an Embedded Safety System," which was filed on January 28, 2003, the entire disclosure of which is hereby expressly incorporated by reference herein.~~